

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 2, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 428, HB 395, HB 416, HB
400, HB 430,
1/29/99

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 428

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Thomas introduced HB 428.

EXHIBIT (buh26a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 4}

Proponents' Testimony: Jim Booth, Bozeman dentist.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4 - 193}

Dr. Steve Euchsen, Billings dentist

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 193 - 247}

Sharon Melton, Helena dentist

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 247 - 293}

Mary McCue, Mt. Dental Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 293 - 359}

Opponents' Testimony: Chuck Butler, Blue Cross and Blue Shield

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 359 - 488}

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businessmen.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 488 - 500}

Don Allen, Montana Medical Benefit Plan

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 23}

Web Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23 - 29}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Krenzler, Bookout, Masolo, Pavlovich Ewer and Simon questions witnesses.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29 - 165}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Thomas closed HB 428.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 165 - 304}

HEARING ON HB 395

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Facey, introduced HB 395.

EXHIBIT (buh26a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 304 - 416}

Proponents' Testimony:Sue Spanky, Missoula, MT

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 416 - 500}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 16}

Jerry Driscoll, Mont Const Trades Council

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 42}

Rebecca Moe, Mt. Womens Lobby

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 42 - 47}

Opponents' Testimony: Riley Johnson, NFIB

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 47 - 72}

Mike Foster, Montana Contractors Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 72 - 90}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Quires, Ewer, Stovall, Brown and Simon question witnesses

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 90 - 279}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Facey closed HB 395

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 279 - 307}

HEARING ON HB 416

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Clark HD 72 introduced HB 416

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 307 - 500}

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 18}

Proponents' Testimony: Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18 - 55}

Rebecca Moe, Montana Women's Lobby

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 55 - 66}

Informational Testimony: Diane Wenbinger Koch, attorney Dept. of Corrections.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 66 - 158}

Jerry Koch, Relations Director Corrections

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 158 - 167}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Bookout, Bitney, Krenzler, Tuss and Simon question witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 167 - 372}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Clark closed HB 416 **EXHIBIT**(buh26a03)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 372 - 433}

HEARING ON HB 400

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Guggenheim, HD 55 introduced
HB 400. **EXHIBIT**(buh26a04) **EXHIBIT**(buh26a05)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 433 - 500}
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 109}

Proponents' Testimony: Rebecca Moe, Montana Women's Lobby
EXHIBIT(buh26a06)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 109 - 137}

Dennis Ireland, Bozeman Doctor **EXHIBIT**(buh26a07)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 137 - 231}

Rep. Gutsche **EXHIBIT**(buh26a08)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 231 - 253}

Lynn Bryant, Nurse Practitioner.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 253 - 295}

Matel Todd, women's health nurse **EXHIBIT**(buh26a09)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 295 - 351}

Devan Hartman, Mgr International Mountain Planned Health care.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 351 - 388}

C. Lombardi **EXHIBIT**(buh26a10)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 388 - 420}

Kip Smith, Montana Primary Care
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 420 - 430}

Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Assn.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 430 - 460}

Susan Nybo, worker from family planning **EXHIBIT**(buh26a11)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 460 - 500}
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 12}

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12 - 59}

Christine Kaufman. Human Rights Assn. **EXHIBIT** (buh26a12)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 59 - 85}

Beth Beneman, ACLU

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 85 - 99}

Opponents' Testimony: Arlette Randash, Eagle Forum

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 99 - 186}

Chuck Butler, Blue Cross-Blue Shield **EXHIBIT** (buh26a13)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 186 - 268}

Al Pontrelli, MT Assn of Life Underwriters.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 268 - 287}

Riley Johnson, NFIB

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 287 - 299}

Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 299 - 316}

Mary Allen, Montana Medical Benefits

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 316 - 332}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Krenzler, Tuss, Bitney, Sliter, Pavlovich, Bookout and Simon questions witnesses.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 332 - 500}

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 175}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Guggenheim closed HB 400.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 175 - 200}

HEARING ON HB 430

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Squires HD 68 introduced HB 430.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 200 - 290}

Proponents' Testimony: Senator Cocchariela,

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 290 - 330}

Jason Miller, Western Council of Ind. Workers

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 330 - 397}

Larry Keal, Western Council member

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 397 - 500}

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 11}

Don Judge AFL-CIO

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11 - 53}

Al Smith, MT Trial Lawyers

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 53 - 62}

Nancy Butler, State Fund

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 62 - 70}

Geo Wood, MT Self Insurers

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 70 - 88}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Squires closed

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 88 - 120}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:34 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh26aad)